

# ALCEDO CRISTATA.



## CHARACTER GENERICUS.

*Rostrum* trigonum, crassum, rectum, longum.

*Lingua* carnosæ, brevissima, plana, acuta.

*Pedes* gressorii, plerisque.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* p. 178.

Class: *Picæ.*

## CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

ALCEDO brachyura subcristata cærulea, subtus  
rufa, crista nigro-undulata.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* p. 178.

*Edwards.* t. 336?

Le VINTSI.

*Buffon. Ois.* vol. VII. p. 205.

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In genere Alcedinis exempla sunt coloris varii et splendidissimi: inter omnes autem Alcedines eminet pulcherrima species in tabula depicta. Inter minores est sui generis. Cristam in vertice formosam gerit hæc avicula quæ illi non parvo est ornamento. In insula Amboyna apud Indos præcipue invenitur.

THE  
CRESTED KINGFISHER.



GENERIC CHARACTER,

*Bill* trigonal, thick, strait, long, sharp-pointed.

*Tongue* fleshy, very short, flat, sharp-pointed.

*Feet* (in most of the species) gressorial, *i. e.* three toes forward, and one backward; and the three lower joints of the middle toe closely joined to those of the outmost.

*Linnæus and Pennant.*

Class, *Picæ.*

SPECIFIC CHARACTER. &c.

SHORT-TAILED BLUE-CRESTED KINGFISHER, rufous beneath, the crest undulated with black. *Lin.*

*Edwards, pl. 336?*

Le VINTSI.

*Buff. Hist. Oif. vol. VII. p. 205.*

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In the Kingfisher genus, we have examples of the most striking variety and brilliancy of colour, and perhaps, in this respect, no species can be found that exceeds the bird here represented. It is one of the smaller birds of its genus. Its beauty is singularly heightened by the elegant crest with which the head is ornamented. It is a native of the island of Amboyna in the East-Indies.



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